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that himself was guilty of putting tricks upon himself?

He has afforded us only the twilight of probability; suitable to that state of mediocrity he has placed us in here; wherein to check our *over-confidence* and presumption, we might, by every day's experience, be made sensible of our shortightedness.

This part of grammar has been much neglected, as some others *over-diligently* cultivated. It is easy for men to write one after another, of cases and genders.

It is an ill way of establishing this truth, and silencing atheists, to take some men's having that idea of God in their minds, for the only proof of a deity; and out of an *over-fondness* of that darling invention, cashier all other arguments.

A grown person surfeiting with honey, no sooner hears the name of it, but his fancy immediately carries sickness and qualms to his stomach: had this happened to him by an *over-dose* of honey, when a child, all the same effects would have followed, but the cause would have been mistaken, and the antipathy counted natural.

He *over-acted* his part; his passions, when once let loose, were too impetuous to be managed.

Take care you *over-burn* not the turf; it is only to be burnt so as may make it break.

Don't *over-fatigue* the spirits, lest the mind be seized with a lassitude, and thereby naufricate and grow tired of a particular subject.

The memory of the learner should not be too much crowded with a tumultuous heap of ideas, one idea effaces another.

An *over-graedy* grasp does not retain the largest handful.

To *OVER-ABOUND*, *v. n.* [*over* and *abound*.] To abound more than enough.

Both imbibe  
Fitting congenial juice, so rich the soil,  
So much does fructuous moisture *over-abound*.

The learned, never *over-abounding* in transitory coin, should not be discontented.

To *OVER-ACT*, *v. a.* [*over* and *act*.] To act more than enough.

You *over-act*, when you should underdo.

A little call yourself again, and think.

Princes courts may *over-act* their reverence, and make themselves laughed at for their foolishness and extravagant relative worship.

Good men often blemish the reputation of their piety, by *over-acting* some things in religion; by an indiscreet zeal about things wherein religion is not concerned.

To *OVER-ARCH*, *v. a.* [*over* and *reach*.] To cover as with an arch.

Where high Ithaca o'erlooks the floods,  
Brown with *over-arching* shades and pendent woods.

To *OVER-AWE*, *v. a.* [*over* and *awe*.] To keep in awe by superior influence.

The king was present in person to overlook the magistrates, and to *over-awe* these subjects with the terror of his sword.

Her graceful innocence, her every air  
Of gesture, or least action, *over-aw'd*  
His malice.

I could be content to be your chief tormentor, ever paying you mock reverence, and sounding in your ears, the empty title which inspired you with presumption, and *over-awed* my daughter to comply.

A thousand fears  
Still *over-awe* when she appears.

To *OVER-BALANCE*, *v. a.* To weigh down; to preponderate.

Not doubting but by the weight of reason I should counterpoise the *over-balanings* of any factions.

The hundred thousand pounds per annum, wherein we *over-balance* them in trade, must be paid us in money.

When these important considerations are set before a rational being, acknowledging the truth of every article, should a bare single possibility be of weight enough to *over-balance* them.

Our exported commodities would, by the return, encrease the treasure of this kingdom above what it can ever be by other means, than a mighty *over-balance* of our exported to our imported commodities.

The mind should be kept in a perfect indifference, not inclining to either side, any further than the *over-balance* of probability gives it the turn of assent and belief.

*OVER-BATTLE*, *adj.* [Of this word I know not the derivation; *batten* is to grow fat, and to *battle*, is at Oxford to feed on trout.] Too fruitful; exuberant.

In the church of God sometimes it cometh to pass, as in *over-battle* grounds; the fertile disposition whereof is good, yet because it exceedeth due proportion, it bringeth abundantly through too much rankness, things less profitable,

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whereby that which principally it should yield, being either prevented in place or defrauded of nourishment, faileth.

To *OVER-BEAR*, *v. a.* [*over* and *bear*.] To repress; to subdue; to whelm; to bear down.

What more savage than man, if he see himself able by fraud to *over-reach*, or by power to *over-bear* the laws.

My desire  
All continent impediment would *over-bear*.

That did oppose my will.

The ocean o'er-peering of his list,  
Eats not the flats with more impetuous haste  
Than young Laertes, in a riotous head  
*Over-bears* your officers.

Our counsel, it pleas'd your highness  
To *over-bear*.

Gloster, thou shalt well perceive,  
That nor in birth or for authority,  
The bishop will be *over-borne* by thee.

The Turkish commanders, with all their forces, assailed the city, thrusting their men into the breaches by heaps, as if they would, with very multitude, have discouraged or *over-born* the Christians.

The point of reputation, when news first came of the battle lost, did *over-bear* the reason of war.

Yet fortune, valour, all is *over-born*,  
By numbers; as the long refuting bank  
By the impetuous torrent.

A body may as well be *over-born* by the violence of a shallow, rapid stream, as swallowed up in the gulph of smooth water.

Crowding on the last the first impel;  
Till *over-born* with weight the Cyprians fell.

The judgment, if swayed by the *over-bearing* of passion, and stored with lubricous opinions instead of clearly conceived truths, will be erroneous.

Take care that the memory of the learner be not too much crowded with a tumultuous heap, or *over-bearing* multitude of documents at one time.

The horror or loathsomeness of an object may *over-bear* the pleasure which results from its greatness, novelty, or beauty.

To *OVER-BID*, *v. a.* [*over* and *bid*.] To offer more than equivalent.

You have *over-bid* all my past sufferings,  
And all my future too.

To *OVER-BLOW*, *v. n.* [*over* and *blow*.] To be past its violence.

To *OVER-BLOW*, *v. a.* [*over* and *blow*.] To drive away as clouds before the wind.

Led with delight, they thus beguile the way,  
Until the blustering storm is *over-blown*.

All those tempests being *over-blown*, there long after arose a new storm which over-run all Spain.

This age fit of fear is *over-blown*,  
An easy talk it is to win our own.

Some angel that beholds her there,  
Instruct us to record what she was here;  
And when this cloud of sorrow's *over-blown*,  
Thro' the wide world we'll make her graces known.

Seiz'd with secret joy,  
When storms are *over-blown*.

*OVER-BOARD*, *adv.* [*over* and *board*. See *BOARD*.] Off the ship; out of the ship.

The great assembly met again; and now he that was the cause of the tempest being thrown *over-board*, there were hopes a calm should ensue.

A merchant having a vessel richly fraught at sea in a storm, there is but one certain way to save it, which is, by throwing its rich lading *over-board*.

The trembling dotard, to the deck he drew,  
And hoisted up and *over-board* he threw;

This done, he seized the helm.

He obtained liberty to give them only one song before he leaped *over-board*, which he did, and then plunged into the sea.

Though great ships were commonly bad sea-boats, they had a superior force in a sea engagement: the shock of them being sometimes so violent, that it would throw the crew on the upper deck of lesser ships *over-board*.

To *OVER-BULK*, *v. a.* [*over* and *bulk*.] To oppress by bulk.

The feeding pride,  
In rank Achilles, must or now be cropt,  
Or shedding, breed a nursery of like evils,  
To *over-bulk* us all.

To *OVER-BURDEN*, *v. a.* [*over* and *burthen*.] To load with too great weight.

If he were not cloyed with his company, and that she thought not the earth *over-burthened* with him, she would cool his fiery grief.

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To *OVER-BUY*, *v. a.* [*over* and *buy*.] To buy too dear.

He, when want requires, is only wise,  
Who fights not foreign aids, nor *over-buys*;

But on our native strength, in time of need, relies.

To *OVER-CARRY*, *v. a.* [*over* and *carry*.] To hurry too far; to be urged to any thing violent or dangerous.

He was the king's uncle, but yet of no capacity to succeed; by reason whereof his natural affection and duty was less easy to be *over-carried* by ambition.

To *OVER-CAST*, *v. a.* [*over* and *cast*.] To cover with gloom.

1. To cloud; to darken; to cover with gloom.

As they pass,  
The day with clouds was sudden *over-cast*.

Hie, Robin, *over-cast* the night;  
The flarry welkin cover thou anon,  
With drooping fogs, as black as Acheron.

Our days of age are sad and *over-cast*, in which we find that of all our vain passions and affections past, the sorrow only abideth.

I of fumes and humid vapours made,  
No cloud in so serene a mansion find,  
To *over-cast* her ever-flaming mind.

Those clouds that *over-cast* our morn shall fly,  
Dispell'd to farthest corners of the sky.

The dawn is *over-cast*, the morning lours,  
And heavily in clouds brings on the day.

2. To cover. This sense is hardly retained but by needle-women, who call that which is incircled with a thread, *over-cast*.

When malice would work that which is evil, and in working avoid the suspicion of an evil intent, the colour where-with it *over-casteth* itself is always a fair and plausible pretence of seeking to further that which is good.

Their arms abroad with gray moss *over-cast*,  
And their green leaves trembling with every blast.

3. To rate too high in computation.

The king in his accompt of peace and calms, did much *over-cast* his fortunes, which proved full of broken seas, tides, and tempests.

To *OVER-CHARGE*, *v. a.* [*over* and *charge*.] To oppress; to cloy; to surcharge.

On air we feed in every instant, and on meats but at times; and yet the heavy load of abundance, wherewith we oppress and *over-charge* nature, maketh her to sink unawares in the mid-way.

A man may as well expect to grow stronger by always eating, as wiser by always reading. Too much *over-charges* nature, and turns more into disease than nourishment.

2. To load; to crowd too much.

Our language is *over-charged* with consonants.

3. To burthen.

He whispers to his pillow,  
The secrets of his *over-charged* soul.

4. To rate too high.

Here's Gloster, a foe to citizens,  
*Over-charging* your free purses with large fines.

5. To fill too full.

Her heart is but *over-charg'd*; she will recover.

The fumes of passion do as really intoxicate, and confound the judging and discerning faculty, as the fumes of drink discompose and stupify the brain of a man *over-charged* with it.

If they would make distinct abstract ideas of all the varieties in human actions, the number must be infinite, and the memory *over-charged* to little purpose.

The action of the Iliad and Æneid in themselves exceeding short, are so beautifully extended by the invention of episodes, that they make up an agreeable story sufficient to employ the memory without *over-charging* it.

6. To load with too great a charge.

They were  
As canons *over-charg'd* with double cracks.

Who in deep mines, for hidden knowledge toils,  
Like guns *over-charg'd*, breaks, milles, or recoils.

To *OVER-CLOUD*, *v. a.* [*over* and *cloud*.] To cover with clouds.

The silver empress of the night  
*Over-clouded*, glimmers in a fainter light.

To *OVER-CLOY*, *v. a.* [*over* and *cloy*.] To fill beyond satiety.

A feast of Britons and base lackey peasants,  
Whom their *over-cloyed* country vomits forth  
To desperate adventures and destruction.

To *OVERCOME*, *v. a.* pret. *I overcame*; part. pass. *overcome*; anciently *overcomen*, as in *Spenser*. [*overcomen*, Dutch.] To subdue; to conquer; to vanquish.

They *overcomen*, were deprived  
Of their proud beauty, and the one moiety  
Transformed to fill, for their bold forquedry.

This wretched woman, *overcome*  
Of anguish rather than of crime hath been.

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Of whom a man is *overcome*, of the fame is he brought in bondage.

Fire by thicker air *overcome*,  
And downward forc'd in earth's capacious womb,  
Alters its particles; is fire no more.

2. To over-flow; to surcharge.

Th' unfallow'd glebe  
Yearly *overcomes* the granaries with stores.

3. To come over or upon; to invade suddenly.

Can't such things be,  
And *overcome* us like a summer's cloud,  
Without our special wonder?

To *OVERCOME*, *v. n.* To gain the superiority.

That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest *overcome* when thou art judged.

*OVERCOMER*, *n. s.* [from the verb.] He who overcomes.

To *OVER-COUNT*, *v. a.* [*over* and *count*.] To rate above the true value.

Thou know'st how much  
We do *over-count* thee.

To *OVER-COVER*, *v. a.* [*over* and *cover*.] To cover completely.

Shut me nightly in a charnel house,  
*Over-cover'd* quite with dead mens rattling bones,  
With rocky shanks and yellow chapels skulls.

To *OVER-CROW*, *v. a.* [*over* and *crow*.] To crow as in triumph.

A base varlet, that being but of late grown out of the dunghill, beginneth now to *over-crow* to high mountains, and make himself the great protector of all out-laws.

To *OVERDO*, *v. a.* [*over* and *do*.] To do more than enough.

Any thing so *over-done* is from the purpose of playing; whose end is to hold the mirror up to nature.

Nature so intent upon finishing her work, much oftner *over-does* than under-does. You shall hear of twenty animals with two heads, for one that hath none.

When the meat is *over-done*, lay the fault upon your lady who hurried you.

To *OVER-DRESS*, *v. a.* [*over* and *dress*.] To adorn lavishly.

In all, let nature never be forgot;  
But treat the goddess like a modest fair,  
Nor *over-dress*, nor leave her wholly bare.

To *OVER-DRIVE*, *v. a.* [*over* and *drive*.] To drive too hard, or beyond strength.

The flocks and herds with young, if men should *over-drive* one day, all will die.

To *OVER-EYE*, *v. a.* [*over* and *eye*.] To superintend.

1. To observe; to remark.

I am doubtful of your modesties,  
Left *over-eying* of his odd behaviour,  
You break into some merry passion.

To *OVER-EMPTY*, *v. a.* [*over* and *empty*.] To make too empty.

The women would be loth to come behind the fashion in new-fangledness of the manner, if not in coiffiness of the matter, which might *over-empty* their husbands purses.

*OVERFALL*, *n. s.* [*over* and *fall*.] Cataract.

To *OVERFALL*, *v. n.* [*over* and *fall*.] To overflow.

The town is fill'd with slaughter, and o'er-floats  
With a red deluge, their increasing moats.

To *OVER-FLOW*, *v. n.* [*over* and *flow*.] To be fuller than the brim can hold.

While our strong walls secure us from the foe,  
E'er yet with blood our ditches *over-flow*.

Had I the same consciousness that I saw Noah's flood, as that I saw the *over-flowing* of the Thames last winter, I could not doubt, that I who saw the Thames *over-flowed*, and viewed the flood at the general deluge, was the same self.

2. To exuberate.

A very ungrateful return to the author of all we enjoy, but such as an *over-flowing* plenty too much inclines men to make.

To *OVER-FLOW*, *v. a.*

1. To fill beyond the brim.

Suppose thyself in as great a sadness as ever did load thy spirit, wouldst thou not bear it cheerfully if thou wert sure that some excellent fortune would relieve and recompense thee so as to *over-flow* all thy hopes.

New milk that all the winter never fails,  
And all the summer *over-flows* the pails.

2. To deluge; to drown; to over-run; to over-power.

The Scythians, at such time as the northern nations *over-flowed* all Christendom, came down to the sea-coast.

Clavius *over-flow'd* th' unhappy coast.

Do not the Nile and the Niger make yearly inundations in our days, as they have formerly done? and are not the countries